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I've been privileged to have lived most of my life in church every week. I've been in a lot of different churches: Big

ones little ones, cold ones, hot ones, dead ones and live ones. And as a child you learn and pick up on how to worship by watching others worship. I am convinced that people worship different ways. Some sing some shout, some raise hands, some laugh, some cry, some clap, some walk around, some even run. But in that worship expression however different they are there are some common principles that can be

found. I want us to watch this woman worship
I. A Lesson in Contrition - This dinner

at Simon the Pharisee's house was probably in an outdoor courtyard or patio making it a semi-public affair, then all of a sudden this woman

A. The Status of This Woman - vs 37

sinner - This woman was accounted as very definite sinner, such as a harlot or prostitute, having the public reputation as such. Some suggest she is Mary Magdalene. But this

woman was not demon possessed, but a sinner. Or Mary of Bethany, who performed similar act on Lord, but that was in Bethany. Jesus is in a rare vein. Never the less. She was a sinful woman. Our worship must start with her wretchedly sinful we are

B. The Sorrow of This Woman - VS 44.

To the heart tenderized by the work of H.S., or the H.S. inhabited heart of the believer the sight of ~~ones~~ sinful condition before a holy righteous but loving God is enough to cause us cry tears of sorrowful contrition. In our worship we should not only see our sins, but respond sorrowfully to these sins. As the broken hearted psalmist David wrote "A broken & contrite heart thou wilt not despise" Psalm

II. A Lesson in Captivity - Although we do not find heavy chains slavery in this scene nor the shackles of bondage, yet heavenly captives are happily being taken ^{host} at ^{Sin}

A. The Submissiveness of This Woman

VS 45 It was a common courtesy to kiss the cheek of the Guest into ones house. Bro Jim always points out 1 Th 5:26 and how we just do a holy Handshake. But this woman dared not give the Lord Jesus the customary kiss on cheek, indicating an equality in love & respect, but no fall to his feet in submission. She made public recognition of Christ's superiority over her. So should we recognize his ^{author} ~~pastor~~

B. The Surrender of this Woman - The posture that she portrayed was that of a conquered foe, who would bow down at the feet of a victor and allow him place his foot on his neck to symbolize a

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2 Corinthians 5:14 For the love of Christ constraineth us...

**But what this sinful woman did went far beyond the bounds of
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John R. Rice that "...this expensive perfume was purchased with
gains from her wicked trade, or it may have been the gift of some
admirer in sin, but she brought it with loving hand as a gift for
Jesus."

complete surrender. Her love and life that was misdirected and rebellious was now conveyed by Christ. Paul described it this way in Rom 5:14. When we worship we should come with an attitude of not only submission but complete ^{Surrender, Head Captivity}

III. A Lesson in Coronation - It was not only customary to wash the feet, + kiss the cheek, but it was also customary to anoint a person to freshen them selves after a long journey. ^{But what this}

A. The Aim of this Woman - Her aim was in truth, a kingly anointing of Jesus, a coronation of Jesus as King! She recognized him for who he truly was. He was the Lord anointed the Messiah.

The aim of her life now was to daily crown Him her anointed King! When we come here to worship together or when we privately worship at home we are to crown him King over our lives.

B. The Activity of the Woman - This woman brought this expensive alabaster box of ointment, costing well over a years wage in worth and broke it to anoint the feet of Jesus. John R. Rice indicates that "this expensive..." What precious

treasure do you have which must be broken upon Jesus, so that he would have a place of ultimate supremacy in your life. Worship always costs something. Maybe the reason

IV. A Lesson in Compassion - It is a wonderful blessing to know that God responds to our worship. He died in the life of this ^{women} sinful

A. The Forgiveness Extended to this Woman

Vs 47. Upon her repentance and as we will see later her faith, forgiveness was extended to her. She left that house forgiven by God. Cleansed and right with God. Although when we repented and placed our trust in Christ he forgave all our past, present & future sins there is

B. The Faith Exercised by this Woman -

Vs 50. She came to the Lord Jesus in faith in a belief that he was the only one that could forgive her sinful ways. Christ recognized that faith. We must come to Christ in faith. Heb 11:6

C. The Future Established for this Woman

"Go in Peace" To be at peace means that the conflict or enmity is over with and gone. Christ compassionately comforted her troubled heart, by saying "Go in Peace". What a sigh of relief when a conflict is resolved. When we leave from worship we share

V. Closing -

I am convinced that all God honoring worship will contain these lessons we have seen in this sinful woman. Will you make them a part of your worship experience?

...there is still the need to confess our sins to God. We can all get out of sorts with God and although we are positionally and eternally forgiven by God, practically we must come clean with God daily confession and repentance. Boy isn't it wonderful when you depart from a time of worship and things are right between you and God!

Hebrews 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

We should sense that resolved conflict in our own hearts. A heart that is cleansed and forgiven. A heart at peace with God.